

IN THE CLAIMS

1 Please cancel claims 4 and 13 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 14, 15 and 16 as follows:

Claim 1(Currently Amended) A multi-person velocipede, comprising:

5 first and second frame members having forward and rearward end portions and long axes extending between said forward and rearward end portions;

a first seat coupled to said first frame, and a second seat coupled to said second frame;

a first forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said first frame, and a second forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said 10 second frame;

said first and second forward wheels being selectively rotatable about axes that extend generally perpendicular to the long axes of said first and second frames;

a first set of pedals operatively coupled to said first forward wheel, and a second set of 15 pedals operatively coupled to said second forward wheel;

said first and second frames maintaining the axes of rotation of said first and second forward wheels in a generally fixed perpendicular orientation with respect to the long axes of said first and second frames while the velocipede is operated throughout a turn;

20 a first rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said first frame, and a second rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said second frame;

1 a first seat operatively coupled to said first frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions, and a second seat operatively coupled to said second frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions; and

5 a support member operatively coupled to said first and second frames to maintain said first and second frames in a horizontal spaced relationship with one another.

Claim 2 (Original) The velocipede of claim 1 further comprising a single elongated handle bar coupled to the forward end portions of said first and second frames.

10 Claim 3 (Original) The velocipede of claim 2 wherein said handle bar is coupled to said forward end portions of said first and second frames in a fixed generally perpendicular orientation to the long axes of said first and second frames.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

15 Claim 5 (Original) The velocipede of claim 1 wherein said first and second sets of pedals are coupled to said first and second forward wheels in fixed positions with respect to said first and second forward wheels.

Claim 6 (Original) The velocipede of claim 1 wherein said first and second rearward wheels are smaller in diameter than said first and second forward wheels.

20 Claim 7 (Original) The velocipede of claim 1 further comprising braking means operatively coupled to said first and second forward wheels for impeding forward movement of the velocipede.

1 Claim 8 (Original) A method of operating the velocipede of claim 1 with first and
second operators, comprising:

5 seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;
the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward
direction; and

10 said first operator then pedaling said first set of pedals at a rate faster than a rate at
which the second operator pedals said second set of pedals so that the
velocipede moves in a generally right-arching direction.

15 Claim 9 (Original) A method of operating the velocipede of claim 1 with first and
second operators, comprising:

20 seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;
the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward
direction; and

25 said second operator then pedaling said second set of pedals at a rate faster than a rate
at which the first operator pedals said first set of pedals so that the velocipede
moves in a generally left-arching direction.

Claim 10 (Original) A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and
second operators, comprising:

seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;

1 the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward
direction; and

5 said first operator then actuating said braking means operatively coupled to said first
forward wheel while said second operator continues the forward pedaling of said
second set of pedals so that the velocipede moves in a generally left-arcing
direction.

10 Claim 11 (Original) A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and
second operators, comprising:

15 seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;
the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward
direction; and

20 said second operator then actuating said braking means operatively coupled to said
second forward wheel while said first operator continues the forward pedaling of
first second set of pedals so that the velocipede moves in a generally right-arcing
direction.

25 Claim 12 (Original) A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and
second operators, comprising:

seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;

1 the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward
direction; and

5 said first and second operators then actuating said braking means to slow the forward
movement of the velocipede.

Claim 13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The velocipede of claim 4-18 wherein said first
and second sets of pedals are coupled to said first and second forward wheels in fixed
positions with respect to said first and second forward wheels.

10 Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The velocipede of claim 4-18 wherein said first
and second rearward wheels are smaller in diameter than said first and second forward
wheels.

15 Claim 16 (Currently Amended) The velocipede of claim 4-18 further comprising
braking means operatively coupled to said first and second forward wheels for impeding
forward movement of the velocipede.

20 Claim 17 (Original) The velocipede of claim 16 further comprising a single
elongated handle bar coupled to the forward end portions of said first and second
frames.

Please add new claims 18 and 19 as follows:

Claim 18 (New) A multi-person velocipede, comprising:
first and second frame members having forward and rearward end portions and long
axes extending between said forward and rearward end portions;

a first seat coupled to said first frame, and a second seat coupled to said second frame;

1 a first forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said first frame, and a second forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said second frame;

5 said first and second forward wheels being selectively rotatable about axes that extend generally perpendicular to the long axes of said first and second frames;

a first set of pedals operatively coupled to said first forward wheel, and a second set of pedals operatively coupled to said second forward wheel;

10 said first and second frames maintaining the axes of rotation of said first and second forward wheels in a generally perpendicular orientation with respect to the long axes of said first and second frames while the velocipede is operated;

a first rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said first frame, and a second rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said second frame; said first and second rearward wheels being coupled to said first and second frames such that said first and second rearward wheels may freely swivel about generally vertical axes;

15 a first seat operatively coupled to said first frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions, and a second seat operatively coupled to said second frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions; and

20 a support member operatively coupled to said first and second frames to maintain said first and second frames in a horizontal spaced relationship with one another.

Claim 19 (New) A multi-person velocipede, comprising:

- 1 first and second frame members having forward and rearward end portions and long axes extending between said forward and rearward end portions;
- 5 a first seat coupled to said first frame, and a second seat coupled to said second frame;
- 10 a first forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said first frame, and a second forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said second frame;
- 15 said first and second forward wheels being selectively rotatable about axes that extend generally perpendicular to the long axes of said first and second frames;
- 20 a first set of pedals operatively coupled to said first forward wheel, and a second set of pedals operatively coupled to said second forward wheel;
- 25 said first and second frames maintaining the axes of rotation of said first and second forward wheels in a generally perpendicular orientation with respect to the long axes of said first and second frames while the velocipede is operated;
- a first rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said first frame, and a second rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said second frame; said first and second rearward wheels being coupled to said first and second frames such that said first and second rearward wheels may freely swivel about generally vertical axes;
- a first seat operatively coupled to said first frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions, and a second seat operatively coupled to said second frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions;

a support member operatively coupled to said first and second frames to maintain said
1 first and second frames in a horizontal spaced relationship with one another; and
a single elongated handle bar coupled to the forward end portions of said first and
5 second frames; said handle bar being coupled to said forward end portions of
said first and second frames in a fixed, generally perpendicular orientation to the
long axes of said first and second frames.

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